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Brig B. Elliott

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For: EXCISING COMPROMISED ROUTERS  
FROM AN AD HOC NETWORK

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 9, 2004 (Paper No. 09012004), finally rejecting claims 1-36, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. The prosecution on the merits has been reopened by a Request for Continued Examination also filed herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 15 of this paper.